



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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August 5, 2008 Primary and November 4, 2008 General Election:
Important Dates and Filing Deadlines

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Election Dates

Aug. 5, 2008	State Primary
Nov. 4, 2008	State General Election

Registration Deadlines

Jul. 7, 2008	Last day to register for August primary. (168.498)
Oct. 6, 2008	Last day to register for November general election. (168.498)

Filing Deadlines: Candidates

By 5:00 p.m., Mar. 24, 2008	Incumbent Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court judges file Affidavit of Candidacy and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 27. (168.409b, 413a, 414, 433a, 434, 467c and 467d)
By 4:00 p.m., Apr. 29, 2008	Candidates seeking Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court or Probate Court judgeships file nominating petitions, Affidavit of Identity and Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 2. (168.409b, 409c, 413, 414, 433, 434, 467b and 467d)
By 4:00 p.m., May 13, 2008	Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) file an Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Filing submitted to the clerk of the county, city or township in which candidate resides. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 16. (168.624, 624a)

By 4:00 p.m., May 13, 2008	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) file nominating petitions (or fees if applicable) and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 16.
By 5:00 p.m., Jul. 7, 2008	Incumbent Supreme Court Justices file Affidavit of Candidacy for the November general election. (168.392a)
By 4:00 p.m., Jul. 17, 2008	District Library Board candidates who wish to seek office at the November 4 general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) (397.181) (Special note: If district library includes a school district, District Library Board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on Aug. 12)
By 4:00 p.m., Jul. 17, 2008	Candidates without political party affiliation file qualifying petitions for the November general election. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on Jul. 21. (168.590c)
By 4:00 p.m., Jul. 25, 2008	Write-in candidates other than write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file Declaration of Intent forms for the August primary. (168.737a)
By 4:00 p.m., Aug. 1, 2008	Write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file Declaration of Intent forms for the August primary. (As an alternative, candidates for precinct delegate may file form with appropriate precinct board on election day before the close of the polls.) (168.737a)
By 4:00 p.m., Aug. 12, 2008	Local School Board candidates, Community College Trustee candidates and District Library Board candidates who wish to seek office at the November 4 general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on Aug. 15. (168.303; 397.181; 389.152) (Special notes: If district library does not include a school district, District Library Board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on Jul. 17. Candidates seeking a Wayne County Community College Trustee position file by 4:00 p.m. on May 13.)
By 4:00 p.m., Oct. 24, 2008	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for the November general election. (168.737a)

Filing Deadlines: New Parties and State Ballot Proposals

By 5:00 p.m., May 28, 2008	Petitions to place a legislative initiative proposal on the November general election ballot filed with the Secretary of State (304,101 valid signatures required). (168.471)
By 5:00 p.m., Jul. 7, 2008	Petitions to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the November general election ballot filed with the Secretary of State (380,126 valid signatures required). (168.471)
By 4:00 p.m., Jul. 17, 2008	New political parties file petitions to qualify for November general election ballot (38,013 valid signatures required). (168.685)

Filing Deadlines: County and Local Proposals

By May 13, 2008	Petitions to place county and local questions on the August primary ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
By May 27, 2008	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the August primary certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (168.646a)
By Aug. 12, 2008	Petitions to place county and local questions on the November general election ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)
By Aug. 26, 2008	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the November general election certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (168.646a)